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Practice

With more than 30 years practice at the Common Law bar, in the early days sampling every aspect of work, I settled into my first love, Court Advocacy. Despite the changing face of the job, I still find satisfaction, and sometimes excitement, in the proper presentation of a Client's case.

Crown Court crime represents the bulk of my work, the number of cases being roughly equally divided between Defence and Prosecution. This Chambers has a long tradition of practice in the North of the Circuit, and I am pleased to continue that, appearing most often in Preston, Carlisle, Lancaster and Barrow, although I regularly appear in Liverpool and, as Defence advocate, on the Wales and Chester Circuit. It is as well that I still enjoy driving!

I appear in every type of crime. Following the Human Rights Act I have successfully challenged the reverse burden under section 51 C.J. and P.O.A. 1994 a number of times, and argued that possessing cannabis in the home should not be prosecuted. I also practice in Civil jurisdiction, mostly PI, but with an interest in the unusual sphere of water and drainage law.

Personal

Outside work, my interests centre on my family, my church, and performing arts. For several years I led groups of disabled children to Lourdes, and that experience helps me to manage my own, able and active, children, 5 in number and wide of interest and age.

Over 30 years activity in the un-paid theatre has made me one of the most experienced performers/directors on Merseyside, having regularly performed in both musical and "legitimate" theatre, from pantomime to open-air Shakespeare, while directing includes full- scale Grand Opera.

Being blessed with a singing voice, and more blessed with a wife who is also a musician, I enjoy successful competition in Music Festivals throughout Merseyside.